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SUBJECT: UGANDAN AND ETHIOPIAN REFUGEES, VISIT OF
BISHOP OKOTH

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1. UGANDAN EPISCOPALIAN BISHOP OKOTH VISITED D/HA DERIAN
MAY 24 TO ASK FOR HELP FOR UGANDA AND PARTICULARLY
UGANDAN REFUGEES IN KENYA AND TANZANIA. HE WAS ACCOMPANIED
BY THE REVEREND DAVID B. BIRNEY OF THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH
CENTER IN NEW YORK.

2. AFTER DESCRIBING THE EVENTS THAT LED TO THE MURDER

OF THE ARCHBISHOP AND HIS OWN SUBSEQUENT ESCAPE, BISHOP OKOTH DESCRIBED THE FEAR IN UGANDAN REFUGEE COMMUNITIES THAT AMIN'S ASSASSINS SURROUND THEM WITH THE PURPOSE OF KILLING THE LEADERSHIP. BISHOP OKOTH HAS BEEN ADVISED BY UGANDANS IN NAIROBI NOT TO RETURN THERE BECAUSE AMIN'S THUGS WOULD GET HIM, AND ADDED THAT AMIN'S MEN WERE HERE IN THE UNITED STATES AS WELL. THE REVEREND

BIRNEY SAID THAT THE UGANDAN COMMUNITIES IN NEW YORK AND CHICAGO WERE VERY WORRIED, AND THAT AN UGANDAN IN CHICAGO HAD THE LIST OF AMIN'S HIT MEN IN THE US, BUT WOULD NOT GO TO THE US AUTHORITIES FOR FEAR OF RETALIATION. WE WILL LOOK INTO THE MATTER HERE, AND WOULD APPRECIATE NAIROBI'S COMMENTS ON THE PRESENCE OF UGANDAN OPERATIVES IN NAIROBI.

2. THE BISHOP DISAGREED WITH THE DEPARTMENT'S ESTIMATE (BASED ON EMBASSY REPORTING) OF OVER 1,000 UGANDAN REFUGEES IN KENYA AND SEVERAL HUNDRED IN TANZANIA. HE THOUGHT THERE ARE MANY MORE, MENTIONING, WITHOUT PERSONAL ENDORSEMENT A FIGURE HE HAD HEARD OF 10,000 IN KENYA. BESIDES KENYA AND TANZANIA, THE BISHOP HAD HEARD OF MANY REFUGEES GOING TO THE SUDAN. THE BISHOP MENTIONED AS OF PARTICULAR CONCERN THE MANY ORPHANED CHILDREN HE HAD HEARD ARE ARRIVING IN KENYA, ESPECIALLY LANGO AND ACHOLI WHOSE FATHERS ARE BEING SYSTEMATICALLY EXTERMINATED. THE CHILDREN ARE NOT RECEIVING EDUCATION WHICH THEY NEED IF THEY ARE ABLE TO RETURN TO UGANDA ONE DAY.

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3. IN PARTING THE BISHOP MENTIONED THAT HE HAD HEARD THAT THERE ARE LARGE NUMBERS OF ETHIOPIANS FLEEING TO KENYA NOW.

4. REVEREND BIRNEY SAID THAT AN EPISCOPALIAN CONFERENCE WOULD BE HELD IN NEW YORK JUNE 3 AND 4, ATTENDED BY ALL THE UGANDAN BISHOPS WHO ESCAPED, AS WELL AS ARCHBISHOP FESTO O'LANG OF NAIROBI. D/HA DIRECTOR OF PAROLE AND ASYLUM DIVISION LOWMAN AND METSON WILL ATTEND THE MEETING ON JUNE 4, WHICH WILL BE A GENERAL MEETING OF PERSONS CONCERNED.

5. DERIAN EXPRESSED DEPARTMENT'S CONCERN AT REPORT THAT LARGE NUMBERS OF UGANDAN CHILDREN HAD ENTERED KENYA AND ARE WITHOUT EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES. DEPARTMENT IS AWARE THAT ITS FIGURES ARE BASED ON UNHCR REGISTRATIONS, AND THAT EMBASSY HAS REPORTED THAT NO FIGURES ARE AVAILABLE FOR REFUGEES THAT RESETTLE INDEPENDENTLY. WHEN WE RAISED THE PROBLEM OF MAKING CONTACT WITH UGANDAN REFUGEES

NOT REGISTERED WITH THE UNHCR, IT WAS SUGGESTED THAT SEVERAL LOCAL PERSONS, INCLUDING DR. MARTIN ALIKER AND THE RIGHT REVEREND J. H. OKULLU, DIOCESE OF MASENA SOUTH,

KISUNU (TEL 2497) MIGHT BE OF SERVICE IN THIS REGARD.

6. DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S VIEWS ON WAYS TO HELP THESE REFUGEES, PARTICULARLY WITH REGARD TO EDUCATION. WE WILL BE INTERESTED IN BREAKDOWN OF NUMBERS OF POTENTIAL STUDENTS, TYPES OF EDUCATION REQUIRED, INCLUDING PRIMARY, SECONDARY, TECHNICAL AND UNIVERSITY LEVELS. WOULD CONTRIBUTION TO SCHOOL BUILDING OR EXISTING EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS BE ACCEPTABLE TO KENYA GOVERNMENT IF INTENDED TO SUPPLY A PORTION OF OPENINGS TO REFUGEE STUDENTS? WHAT OTHER PROPOSALS WOULD EMBASSY LIKE CONSIDERED?

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7. D/HA OFFICER IS PLANNING TO STOP IN NAIROBI FOR DISCUSSION OF REFUGEE MATTERS WHEN HE VISITS AFRICA IN JUNE. WILL INFORM POST OF TRAVEL PLANS. VANCE

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